

Marked-up version

In the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Tampon and finger protecting packaging ~~(2; 10, 11)~~ preventing contact between the fingers and menstrual fluids, the packaging ~~(2; 10, 11)~~ comprising at least one sealed bag that keeps the tampon ~~(1)~~ sterile before use, the packaging ~~(2; 10, 11)~~ further being adapted to cover at least one finger, preventing the at least one finger from coming into contact with the tampon ~~(1)~~ and thereby contaminating the tampon ~~(1)~~ while inserting the tampon ~~(1)~~, or preventing the at least one finger from coming into contact with menstrual fluids that may contaminate the at least one finger,
characterized in that the packaging ~~(2; 10, 11)~~ comprises at least one bag of a plastic material that does not damage while opening and after opening is adapted for use as a finger glove by turning the bag inside out over the at least one finger.

2. (Currently Amended) Tampon and finger protecting packaging ~~(2; 10, 11)~~ according to claim 1,
characterized in that the packaging ~~(2; 10, 11)~~ comprised two bags, one bag covering the other bag while packed.

3. (Currently Amended) Tampon and finger protecting packaging ~~(2; 10, 11)~~ according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~,
characterized in that the bag or bags comprise tabs ~~(4)~~, the tabs ~~(4)~~ facilitating use of the packaging ~~(2; 10, 11)~~ as finger protection.

4. (Currently Amended) Tampon and finger protecting packaging ~~(2; 10, 11)~~ according to claim 1 ~~any of the previous claims~~,
characterized in that the seal of the packaging ~~(2; 10, 11)~~ is formed by welding, use of adherents, or a zip-lock type closing mechanism.

REMARKS

The Applicant requests that the Examiner enter the amendment prior to examining the application. The claims have been amended to remove reference numerals and multiple dependencies, but do not constitute any new matter.

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